

A Brief Guide for Families, Organizations and Public Officials

Resources to inform, support and prepare families for a possible return to Mexico

ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN BORN IN THE UNITED STATES

In Mexico, all children have access to a free education from preschool through high school.

To make an easier transition to the Mexican education system, parents should have all records from their children's schools in the U.S. The documents that can facilitate a transition are:

- Transcripts and/or academic records (certificates from preschool, elementary school, middle school, and high school).
- Transfer Document for Binational Migrant Students Mexico-United States, from [the last school attended](#).
- Revalidation of studies document, based on the school transcript, prepared by the Mexican school once in Mexico.
- Children's medical records, including vaccination cards.

The Transfer Document can be obtained at a child's school in the U.S. or at the Mexican Consulate.

Documentation recommended to register a child in a pre-K to middle school

According to the Mexican Ministry of Education's (SEP) National School Guidelines, all children living in Mexico are guaranteed access to education, regardless of the documentation they can provide. Lack of documentation should not be a barrier to enroll a child in school in Mexico. However, enrollment will be easier with the following documents:

- [SEP General Registration Format \(Annex 1\)](#).
- **Original and a photocopy of ONE of the following documents:**
 - Acta de nacimiento (extranjera con o sin apostilla, o mexicana) o
 - Birth certificate (Mexican or foreign with or without apostille stamp)
 - CURP
 - Letter of naturalization
 - Foreign passport or adoption documentation
 - Consulate certificate or immigration document
 - Official identification card
 - National Identity Document (original and copy)
- **Vaccination or health card.**
- **4.3 x 2.5 cm. headshot photos of the student (the number of photos varies from 2 to 4 according to the school level).**
- **Certificates or transcript (preschool, elementary, middle school).**

No school in Mexico should refuse to enroll a child based on his/her nationality, place of birth or lack of documentation. However, if this happens to you, request the refusal in writing and call the Dirección General de Acreditación Incorporación y Revalidación (01 800 288 6688) or write to ce@nube.sep.gob.mx to let them know about the situation. You can also present a complaint to the Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos (01 800 715 2000). Organizations such as IMUMI (55 5211 4153) can also help.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Anyone who has completed studies or received a degree from a technical school, community college, or a university, should apostille all documents related to higher education before returning to Mexico.